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IN THE MATTER OF QWEST
COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL
INC.'S, QWEST SERVICES
CORPORATION'S, AND QWEST
CORPORATION'S NOTICE OF SALE,
REQUEST FOR WAIVER, OR
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
SALE OF THE ARIZONA OPERATIONS OF
QWEST DEX, INC.

DOCKET No. T-01051B-02-0666

**REPLY TO RUCO'S RESPONSE TO
JOINT NOTICE OF FILING
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND
MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL ORDER**

Qwest Corporation, Qwest Services Corporation and Qwest Communications International (collectively "Qwest") hereby reply to the response filed by The Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") opposing Staff and Qwest's Joint Motion for Procedural Order ("Joint Motion"). In its response, RUCO states that it objects to accelerating its filing date of May 9 for rejoinder testimony in this docket, arguing that deadlines under the current procedural schedule not be accelerated. RUCO has not understood the procedural schedule set forth in the Joint Motion. The Joint Motion simply addresses deadlines for testimony and hearing on the proposed settlement. That schedule does not alter dates already scheduled for testimony in this docket for issues not related to the settlement (e.g., if the settlement is not approved) or request an acceleration of such dates. Despite the Joint Motion, the filing deadline for RUCO's rejoinder testimony would remain May 9, 2003.

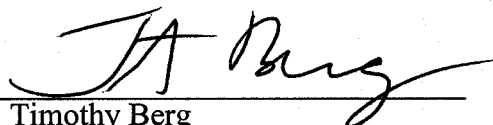
Additionally, RUCO states that it is still considering the Settlement Agreement and needs

1 until May 9th to finish its analysis and prepare testimony. As stated in the Joint Motion, RUCO
2 was advised of the actual terms of settlement (including the specific amount of the settlement) in
3 late March when Staff and Qwest reach an agreement in principle. RUCO was provided with a
4 copy of the Settlement Agreement on April 10, 2003. Under the proposed schedule, RUCO has
5 until May 2, 2003 to state its position on the settlement. Essentially, RUCO has approximately 3
6 weeks to consider its position on the proposed settlement document, which is sufficient time to
7 meet the deadlines provided for in the Joint Motion. It has known the general terms of the
8 Agreement even longer. Finally, the Settlement Agreement does not raise any new or additional
9 issues requiring significant analysis or discovery not previously provided throughout the course
10 of this proceeding.

11 Based on the foregoing, the Commission should grant the Joint Motion and order
12 testimony and hearing on the terms of the proposed settlement as set forth therein.

13 DATED this 23rd day of April, 2003.

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